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## **Chitina Subdistrict Pre-season Federal Subsistence Fishing Schedule Announced**

Copper Center, AK...The tentative pre-season fishing schedule for Federally qualified subsistence users in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Copper River was announced today by the Federal Subsistence Board. This pre-season schedule is identical to the State pre-season schedule and is subject to change based on numbers of salmon entering the Copper River.

### 2003 Federal Subsistence Salmon Fishery Pre-season Schedule for the Chitina Subdistrict of the Copper River

Saturday, June 7, 8:00 AM – Sunday, June 8, 8:00 PM  
Monday, June 9, 8:00 AM – Sunday, June 15, 11:59 PM  
Monday, June 16, 12:01 AM – Sunday, June 22, 11:59 PM  
Monday, June 23, 12:01 AM – Sunday, June 29, 11:59 PM  
Monday, June 30, 12:01 AM – Sunday, July 6, 11:59 PM  
Wednesday, July 9, 8:00 AM – Sunday, July 13, 8:00 PM  
Tuesday, July 15, 8:00 AM – Sunday, July 20, 11:59 PM  
Monday, July 21, 12:01 AM – Sunday, September 30, midnight

This fishery is open, during the periods listed above, to Federally qualified subsistence users having customary and traditional use of salmon in this Subdistrict. A Federal permit is required to participate in the fishery under Federal regulations. This permit may be obtained without charge from the National Park Service office in Copper Center or Slana from 8-5 Monday through Friday until Memorial Day and then 7 days per week thereafter. The permit must be in the permit holder's possession while fishing.

The National Park Service office in Copper Center provides a recorded message phone with the most current fishing schedule. The recorded message is available 24-hours daily and will be revised whenever changes to the pre-season fishing schedule are made. The phone number is (907) 822-7256. Subsistence users are encouraged to call this number prior to fishing to determine if amendments have been made to previously announced fishing schedules.

Wrangell-St.Elias National Park/Preserve will be hosting an informal subsistence fishing question & answer session at their Visitor Center in Copper Center at mile 107 of the Richardson Highway from 6-8 PM, Thursday May 15. You may obtain permits and register fish wheels at this time as well.

Regulations governing the fishery are summarized in the Federal regulatory booklet, "2002 Subsistence Management Regulations for the Harvest of Fish and Shellfish on Federal Public Lands and Waters in Alaska." These regulations are available from the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other Federal agencies, as well as on the web at [www.r7.fws.gov](http://www.r7.fws.gov). Copper River regulations are found under the Prince William Sound section of the booklet.

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